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MECHANIZE MINING IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA;
ISSUE LAW ON COAL COUPONS

WILL MECHANIZE COAL HAULING IN 1951 -- Sarajevo, Oslobodjenje, 18 Sep 51

Sarajevo, 17 September -- Along with the opening of new shafts in the mines of Bosnia-Herzegovina, mechanization is taking place daily, permitting greater increases in production. An important undertaking projected for 1951 is the mechanized hauling of coal.

The Kreka and Banovici mine basins in particular are to be mechanized, for it is necessary that they treble their present production. In 1952, the Kreka basin will produce over 2 million tons of lignite for the Lukavac coke-works alone. New working faces which will later be changed into new shafts and gangways are being opened on a large scale in the Kreka basin. Until recently, coal was hauled out of these mines by horses. In 1950, the first electric mine locomotives were installed; in 1951, 17 more locomotives are to be installed.

In 1951 the Kreka mines tested mechanical scrapers which were found very practical for hauling coal from the working face. In addition to the scrapers which are to be imported, the Kreka mines workshop has already produced some scrapers and will begin their serial production for other mines during 1951. More and more chain and rubber conveyers, shakers, and other minor mechanical devices are being installed. Duckbill loaders which can load an entire day's production of a working face are to be tried for the first time. New pit telephone equipment which has already been ordered abroad is to be received soon.

More than two thirds of the Banovici mine basin production is obtained through strip mining. Several new power shovels were obtained at the end of 1950 and the beginning of 1951. The Banovici basin recently obtained two new shovels with a bucket capacity of $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons. In one day these shovels can load 2,000 tons. A 500-ton power shovel with a bucket capacity of $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons

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and a daily loading capacity of 4,000 tons has also been obtained from abroad. Mining engineers believe that the use of these shovels in uncovering new veins of coal in strip mining can completely eliminate the present phase-system of work, for the boom of these shovels is 80 meters long, enabling them to move the stripped earth 160 meters. They will greatly decrease the need for unskilled manpower in strip mining.

In 1951, the Banovici mine is to receive 200 Belgian self-dumping mine cars to be used in hauling coal from the working site to the separator. Recently, 54 self-dumping cars for hauling the overburden were received in Banovici.

In the Kakanj and Zenica mines coal hauling from the working site is being mechanized. In 1951, these mines are to receive new shakers, and rubber and chain conveyers.

In addition to mechanizing its hauling equipment, the mine in Mostar is to receive machinery for hauling coal from the main shaft of the new "Tito" mine.

In the Breza mine two new shafts are being excavated which will increase its capacity considerably. These new shafts are to receive hauling machinery also.

A modern separator with an annual capacity of 800,000 tons is being built in Catici near Kakanj.

One of the largest separators in Yugoslavia is under construction beside the Lukavac Cokeworks. This separator, which is 50 percent completed, will annually process over 2 million tons of lignite from the Kreka mine, and will supply the coal needed by the cokeworks in Lukavac and Zenica.

Equipment for a small oxygen plant has arrived in Kreka; this will supply the oxygen needed by all the mines in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

COMPLETE TESTS ON CONVEYER AT VELENJE MINE -- Zagreb, Borba, 17 Sep 51

Ljubljana, 16 September -- Tests have recently been completed on a large conveyer in the machinery section of the new shaft in the Velenje lignite mine. The results were good, although individual parts of the apparatus must be adapted to operate at a depth of 350 meters.

A great deal of the equipment for the new shaft has already been received from the central mine workshops in Trbovlje. The new shaft will begin small-scale operation when equipment for mechanical extraction arrives.

NEW LAW GOVERNS ISSUANCE OF COAL COUPONS -- Belgrade, Sluzbeni List, 1 Aug 51

The Yugoslav Minister of Finance, Dobrivoje Radosavljevic, has announced a new law effective on 1 August 1951 governing the issuance of coal coupons for the purchase of coal during the 1951 - 1952 heating season.

Municipal banks or affiliates of the Yugoslav People's Bank (in places where there is no municipal bank) will grant up to 2,200 dinars' worth of coupons per household for the purchase of coal to regularly employed blue- and white-collar workers in state economic enterprises, economic associations, cooperatives, and social welfare organizations, and to pensioners and disabled.

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Coupons allotted are to be used for the purchase of coal during the 1951 - 1952 heating season.

Banks will issue coupons at 5-percent interest in exchange for notes signed by two guarantors whose credit rating is acceptable. Handling costs may not exceed 15 dinars for each coupon.

Notes must be repaid in five monthly installments to begin the first day of the month following receipt of coal coupons.

To obtain coal coupons, blue- and white-collar workers must apply to their enterprises, associations, cooperatives, or organizations; and pensioners and invalids to their associations or organizations, which will act as intermediaries between them and the bank, and issue the coupons.

When coal is purchased, coupons will be signed and surrendered to coal dealers, who will redeem them at banks.

Agencies handling pay rolls for blue- and white-collar workers, or pensioners and disabled, are obliged to deduct monthly payments from their pay for coal coupons. Such deductions must be delivered to the banks which issued the coupons no later than the tenth of each month.

Any change in employment status of the debtor or his guarantors must be reported by the organization concerned to the bank concerned. In the event of transfer, the name of the new agency responsible for payrolls must be reported, for the new agency is obligated to continue deductions until final payments are made.

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